

SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE OLDE BARN HOTEL, GRANTHAM
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2019

PRESENT:

Committee:

Gordon Mather,	Chairman	Paul Holling	Trustee
Andrew Lockett	Treasurer	Tom Herring	Trustee
Derek 'Smokey' Cole	Vice Chairman	Chris Jones	Trustee
Debbie Pick	Trustee		

Non Committee Officials:

Joanne Stevens Association Secretary

Members

There were 77 Members in attendance

The meeting commence at 3.00 pm

1. Chairman's Welcome Address, Introductions and Explanation of Proceedings.

- 1.1 One minute silent was held.
- 1.2 Gordon Mather thanked everyone for attending and said that it was good to see the AGM well supported.
- 1.3 Thanks to everyone involved in organising the weekend especially IOW Tours, Paul Nolan who came up with a great location and Jo and Marie in the office, the regional co-ordinators raising funds and recruiting new members.
- 1.4 Thanks to Derek Cole and the FVF for providing and managing Liberty Lodge and SAMA FI for all the help and support they give to veterans returning to the Falklands.
- 1.5 Falklands Islands Government office represented today for the last time by Sukey Cameron. Sukey was thanked and wished well. Although she will not attend again in her official role we invite her to attend unofficial capacity in the future.
- 1.6 Thanks were expressed to Keith Thompson, the minister of Hull and other volunteers who help to arrange the excellent Remembrance service in Hull.
- 1.7 Thanks were also expressed to the Area coordinators for their fundraising efforts throughout the country.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 52 formal apologies had been received from members.
- 2.2 Including our president Jamie Miller.

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2018 AGM

- 3.1 Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 3.2 Proposed by Chris Howe as a true record.
- 3.3 Seconded by Kevin Greathurst.
- 3.4 Carried unanimously by those in attendance.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Loyal Greeting

- 5.1 Gordon Mather read out the message sent by the President to the Patron, Prince Charles and the Patron's response.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Andrew Lockett thanked all donors, members, and everyone who had contributed to the finances of SAMA and to HMRC for providing gift aid.

- 6.2 Thanks to all whom helped raise funds in the Areas, especially Scotland, South West and Hull.
- 6.3 Thanks to the regional groups of Camping and Caravan, Scotland and Christchurch for promptly submitting their reports.
- 6.4 Thanks to Tim Parrot for his arduous scrutiny of our accounts.
- 6.5 Thanks to grants committee, who screen through the detailed reports and decide how best to contribute from limited funds.
- 6.6 Spent approximately £7000 on the website. Some of this is office cost of running the website.
- 6.7 Thanks to Steve Cocks in Sweden, Paul Holling and the office that helped set up the new website.
- 6.8 Long annual report.
 - 6.8.1 Provisional as some areas is awaiting completion by trustees.
 - 6.8.2 Report must be provided to Charity Commission.
 - 6.8.3 Charity commission scrutinise to ensure charities operate to their objectives and that a good proportion of the money they collect reaches those in need.
- 6.9 Short annual report
 - 6.9.1 Main investment with Blackrock has made a loss of about £20,000 this year.
 - 6.9.2 Some of this loss may have now been recovered due to changes in the market due to Brexit.
 - 6.9.3 Swing in investment of around £55k compared to last year.
 - 6.9.4 Trustees continue to look at ways to reduce costs and be more efficient and optimise our income. We now hold the Area coordinators meeting at a barracks and the Trustee meetings mostly take place via conference call.
 - 6.9.5 Need to encourage donations, gift aid, legacy income and grants.
 - 6.9.6 Seafarers and ABF have been good supporters. We may lose Seafarers grant.
 - 6.9.7 Need to plan ahead and ensure funding is available until the association ends on the 14th June 2042.

7. Resolutions

7.1 To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2018

- 7.1.1 Proposed by Kevin greathurst
- 7.1.2 Seconded by Keith Thompson
- 7.1.3 Agreed by all

7.2. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Examiner of Accounts

- 7.2.1 Proposed by P Nolan.
- 7.2.2 Seconded by Dave Bragg.
- 7.2.3 Agreed by all.

7.3 To elect Trustees

- 7.3.1 Gordon Mather, Andrew Lockett and Tom Herring all seeking re-election.
- 7.3.2 All proposed by Kevin Greathurst
- 7.3.3 Seconded by Tim Lewis.
- 7.3.4 Agreed by all.

8. Place and Date of 2020 Annual General Meeting

- 8.1 2019 AGM will be held in conjunction with the service in Hull.
- 8.2 At the Hallmark Hotel, Hull
- 8.3 The weekend will be Friday 24th to Monday 27th April 2020.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm